

June 21, 1989, then Attorney General Thornburgh affirmed to the disability community and the Nation the Bush administration's intent to support the passage of the ADA and to sign the legislation when Congress passed the bill.

When the ADA passed Congress, Attorney General Thornburgh said that the day was "one of emancipation, not just for the millions of Americans with disabilities who will directly benefit from this Act, but even more so for the rest of us now free to benefit from the contributions which those with a disability can make to our economy, our communities and our own well-being."

Walter Cohen, who served as both Pennsylvania's secretary of public welfare and attorney general, stated that Governor Thornburgh was responsible for Pennsylvania creating home and community based services for people with disabilities and for ordering the closure of the Pennhurst State School and Hospital, which had been found to be housing hundreds of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in squalor.

Mr. President, for many Governor Thornburgh is known for his decades of public service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to the Federal Government. He is deserving of this recognition, and the people of Pennsylvania owe him their deepest gratitude for his service. But any discussion of Governor Thornburgh's service would be incomplete if we did not pause to note that because of his efforts, in part, the lives of people with disabilities have been dramatically improved. Our built environment and transportation system have been made available to all people. It is now understood that every child, no matter their disability, has the right to a quality, public education. People with disabilities, rather than living in institutions, are now free to grow up and flourish in the community and setting of their choice.

These opportunities may be taken for granted now, but they were hard fought gains achieved through the sweat and tears of the disability community and those who fought alongside them every step of the way. Dick Thornburgh was one of the greatest of these champions. His public service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is worthy of commendation. We extend condolences to Dick's wife, Ginny, his sons, John, David, Peter and William, and to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RAY RENOLA

Mr. REED. Madam President, today I pay tribute to a very special Rhode Islander, COL Ray Renola, USA (Ret.), who holds a unique distinction among all Americans.

Mr. Renola, at 104 years old, is the oldest living graduate of my alma mater, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. A member of the class of 1940, Mr. Renola stands at the head of the Long Grey Line of West Pointers who have served the Nation since 1802.

As described in a recent column by Mark Patinkin in the Providence Journal, Ray was the son of Italian immigrants and one of eight children raised on the West End of Providence. He was a graduate of Classical High School in Providence and then entered Brown University, but in 1936, he made the decision to serve his country and restart and complete his college education at West Point.

Like many of our World War II veterans, Ray did not talk much about his service on the western front as a lieutenant colonel and commanding officer of the 375th Field Artillery Battalion. In short, he deployed his battalion and led them against fierce enemy resistance, unpredictable weather, harsh terrain, and austere conditions. And he led them as they made great contributions to Allied forces during the push toward Berlin in 1944-1945. After the war, Ray continued his service to our country with postings from Belgium to the Pentagon, before retiring from the military after 20 years of service. He had a similarly successful career in the private sector, working for Bulova and GTE.

He found the love of his life with Lucille, to whom he was married for 30 years, until her passing in 2010. They shared an active life of sport and travel. He remains the loved and revered patriarch of the larger, extended Renola family.

Ray embodies what it means to live an extraordinary life: love for his country; love for his family; a life of duty, honor, and country.

RECOGNIZING JANE HARMAN

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, when Jane Harman left Congress in 2011 to head the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, she described herself as dedicated to the belief that the political center is where most Americans are and where the best policy answers are found. As this great leader and my dear friend steps down from the Wilson Center, I take this opportunity to thank her for unswerving devotion to that principle.

Our friendship was forged in the challenging days after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Reaching across the aisle, we worked closely together as leaders of the Homeland Security committees in the House and Senate. From the landmark intelligence reform legislation we crafted, to addressing protections for our Nation's cargo ports and other critical infrastructure, to improving emergency preparedness in communities throughout America, Jane was always an informed, effective, and committed partner.

I will never forget how, when Jane testified at a Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing on maritime security in 2006, she called me her "Security Sister." It is a title that fills my heart with pride and affection.

Jane's untiring work to protect our Nation defines her public service.

Elected nine times by the people of California's 36th Congressional District, she served on all major security committees—Homeland Security, Intelligence, and Armed Services. She served as ranking member of the Intelligence Committee's Working Group on Terrorism and Homeland Security and chaired the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment.

After Jane left Congress, she served as a member of the Director of National Intelligence's Senior Advisory Group. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission and the Advisory Board of the Munich Security Conference. She also cochairs the Homeland Security Experts Group and is a member of the Presidential Debates Commission and the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Jane has been recognized as a national expert at the nexus of security and public policy issues with the Defense Department Medal for Distinguished Service, the CIA Agency Seal Medal and Director's Award, and the Director of National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal. The University of Southern California's Presidential Medallion, its highest award, is a fitting tribute to her outstanding service to her State and to our Nation.

Jane is the first woman to lead the Wilson Center. Chartered by Congress in 1968, the center is the Nation's key nonpartisan policy forum for tackling global issues through independent research and open dialogue. Under her leadership, the center advanced its mission to generate actionable ideas for policies that affect our security and our relations with the world.

No tribute to Jane would be complete without mention of her late husband, Sidney. Driven by a shared ideal of public service, they accomplished so much in politics, business, philanthropy, and the arts.

I thank Jane Harman—my colleague, my friend, my "sister"—for all that she has done for our country. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING RALPH "CHAD" COLLEY, JR.

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of Ralph "Chad" Colley, Jr., who passed away on January 30, 2021, at the age of 76. Mr. Colley was a hero in every sense of the word. His courage, positive nature, and life of service provided a shining light that inspired everyone around him.

Colley was a veteran of the Vietnam war, a gold medal athlete, an accomplished pilot, a successful businessman, and a tireless advocate for veterans and all Americans with disabilities. His military honors included the Silver

Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Colley was born in Fort Smith, AR, on May 13, 1944. His father served in the U.S. Army, and the family lived in Kansas, Georgia, Germany, and Japan. He attended North Georgia College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics, played football, and ran track. After his graduation in 1966, he followed in his father's footsteps and served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. A year later, he married Betty Ann Putnam, and they shared 53 years together. They had two children, Ryan and Emily.

As part of the 101st Airborne Division, Colley arrived in Vietnam in November 1967. Within 6 months, he was a company commander. In July of 1968, he was commanding the 3/187th infantry company when he stepped on a landmine. The blast led to amputation of both of his legs above the knee and his left arm below the elbow. While recovering, he sent Betty Ann a letter that said, "I'm banged up pretty bad, but I'm still me."

He recalled in later years that he was grateful to have only suffered physical injuries. "I had to get on with it. Plain and simple." And, he did get on with it. Although he had to leave his lifelong dream of serving in the military, he did not let this dramatic change of plans slow him down.

Within 2 years of his injury, the Colleys had settled in Barling, AR, where he began selling real estate in 1970. That same year, he was honored nationally as the Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year, obtained his pilot's license, and took up skiing.

Throughout the 1980s, Colley provided leadership to help disabled veterans and was part of efforts to make public facilities more accessible to all disabled Americans. He served as a member and leader with the Disabled American Veterans, DAV, National Amputee Chapter 76 in New York, and with the DAV in Arkansas. Colley was elected national commander for the DAV from 1983 to 1984 and lived in Washington, DC, to advocate for veterans on a national and international level.

Colley also devoted time to helping candidates he believed in, including working on the Arkansas State GOP Executive Committee, the Sebastian County GOP Committee, and on the Presidential campaigns for both George H.W. Bush and Bob Dole. His efforts led to him speak at the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego, CA.

His life was not all policy and politics, and his involvement in the DAV led him to further develop his passion for snow skiing. Colley was a natural athlete and was eventually selected for the U.S. Paralympic Team. During the 1992 Paralympic games in Albertville, France, he won gold medals in both downhill and super-G events. He was 48 years old.

By 2002, Colley had retired. He and Betty Ann shared time between their

homes in Barling and New Smyrna Beach, FL. He remained active in veterans organizations and gave his voice and influence to countless projects, including plans for future expansion of the Fort Smith National Cemetery.

In 2017, Colley shared memories of his favorite childhood Christmas with *Do South Magazine*. When he was 11 years old, his parents hosted holiday gatherings in their small home for all 120 men in the four platoons his father commanded. The expense of providing food for all of those people meant a much smaller Christmas for their family, but they gave all they had to make it a memorable holiday for those homesick soldiers.

Colley wrote:

Of all of the Christmases I've celebrated and all the gifts I've ever received, which one is, without equal, the most loving, meaningful, instructional and lasting gift? Why it's the one I celebrated with more than one hundred big brothers! These are the six aspects of my best Christmas gift ever: the gift of empathy, the gift of joy, the gift of brotherhood, the gift of sharing, the gift of the possible and the gift of self. This gift has shaped the character of my brother Ken and me for our whole lifetimes.

I am grateful for the incredible example Chad Colley gave us throughout his life. His values ran deep, influencing every facet of his character and informing his remarkable experiences. My staff recently had the honor of interviewing him for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. He was a man of great kindness and humility who gave credit for all of his accomplishments to his faith and family.

I join Chad Colley's family, friends, and all Arkansians in mourning his passing. Although he accomplished tremendous things personally, like the example set by his parents, I know his legacy will be what he taught us all about kindness, humility, and service.●

BICENTENNIAL OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

● Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I rise today in celebration of the George Washington University's bicentennial. As a proud alumna of this great institution of higher education, I would like to recognize the GW's achievement in reaching this historic milestone.

Founded as a modest Columbian College 200 years ago, there was no guarantee that the George Washington University would succeed. Ultimately, it was the dedication, ingenuity, and hard work of many generations of world-class faculty, impressive students, and accomplished alumni over the past two centuries that accounts for why GW evolved into the preeminent, global research university it is today.

Aspiring citizen-leaders worldwide attend the George Washington University precisely because of the opportunities GW provides its students to not only learn inside the classroom from leading thinkers and researchers, but to grow by applying this academic

knowledge outside the classroom in a wide-range of settings throughout our Nation's Capital.

In fact, the George Washington University's vast network of world-class academic opportunities, partnerships, and policy-research initiatives is not only responsible for educating our future leaders, but also for advancing technological innovation, driving improvements in public health and policy, and developing a greater understanding of both our world and humanity in ways that have made an impact on millions of lives.

At this moment, GW faculty are conducting pioneering research to fight global poverty, HIV/AIDS, cancer, climate change, terrorism and many other urgent challenges. Many of GW's researchers, doctors, and public health officials have been at the forefront in responding to the deadly Coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

As the George Washington University celebrates its bicentennial, it is a good time to reflect on the incredible legacy established by thousands of distinguished GW alumni. Graduates include current and former heads of state from around the world, scores of dedicated public servants, and leading experts that have accumulated a vast record of accomplishments across many academic fields.

Last, but certainly not least, and a point of great personal appreciation for this GW alum, is GW's longstanding commitment to U.S. servicemembers, veterans, and military families. Indeed, the very first recipient of the original Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944—more commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights—was Donald Balfour, a GW student. Today, GW is consistently recognized as one of our Nation's best institutions of higher education for veterans and military-affiliated students because it recognizes the invaluable leadership experience and unique perspectives these men and women bring to the classroom.

As GW enters its third century, I look forward to watching as the George Washington University builds on its 200-year legacy of academic excellence and ground-breaking research by attracting, educating, and inspiring future generations of leaders who will make a positive impact on the world.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 5. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first